

# Installing Trophy Tail Extensions

There are many techniques for installing tail extensions. The Tail Tamer Trophy Tails line has been designed around the four most popular methods being used today. To assist you in understanding each of these methods, we have assembled step-by-step instructions with pictures to assist you in becoming proficient in installing your tail extension. Of course if you prefer, most trainers or grooms will install a tail extension for you. However, for the do-it-yourselfer, the steps are relatively easy to follow, and with some practice and patience it's not difficult to obtain good results on your own.

Of course it's important to exercise caution whenever working around horses, especially when working behind them. If your horse has never had an extension put on, work through the steps slowly and have someone assist to keep the horse calm. After the tail is installed, take care that it is the proper length so as it does not get stepped on and pulled out.

And a final note, DO NOT keep your tail extension in after you show! Doing so is the recipe for all kinds of problems, including damage to the horse's existing tail if the extension is suddenly yanked out. Visit our page on CARE AND TIPS for additional care information.



Step 1 Step 2 Step 3 Step 4 Step 5 Step 6 Step 7

## Tie-In Step 1



Use a claw clip to hold the top hair up out of your way. Separate the tail and reach back and take a section of hair from the center of the back of the tailbone. We have found that making a braid from here works the best.

## Tie-In Step 2



Braid the piece of hair that you pulled from the dock down about 6-8 inches and put a band in the bottom to secure it. The braid should be about as thick as a pencil.

## Tie-In Step 3



Take the two pieces of braided horsehair coming off the end of the tail extension and weave them up through the braid you have created, pulling the tail extension up so the end is as close as possible to the end of the tailbone. The closer the extension is to the bone, the more natural your tail will look. If the extension is too far away, it will swing one way while the real tail is swinging another way!

## Tie-In Step 4



This is another look at where the two pieces of braided horsehair coming off the end of the tail extension should be showing the extension being pulled as close as possible to the end of the tailbone. Remember, the closer the extension is to the bone, the more natural your tail will look. If the extension is too far away, it will swing one way while the real tail is swinging another way!

## Tie-In Step 5



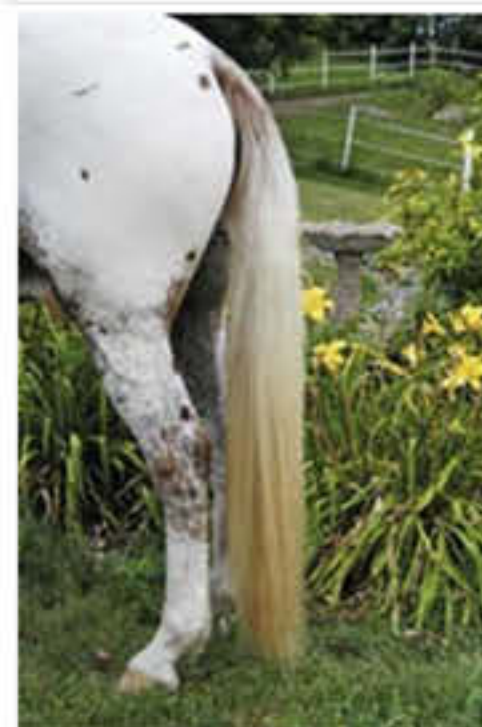
Take the ends of the two braided horsehair strands and tie them around the braid and knot them. Take the ends and fold them down next to the cap, and wrap electrical tape around the hair and cap to secure it.

## Tie-In Step 6



Braid hair down from both sides of the tail into the extension and secure it with bands. This will help eliminate the dreaded "swing"! Take the hair you have secured out of your way with the claw clip and smooth it down over the tail extension. Now you can use a detangler and a show shine to blend the hair. Using detangler BEFORE you have the extension in makes the hair very slippery to work with!

## Tie-In Step 7



Make sure the tail falls at the fetlocks. The tail should not drag on the ground! Trim the tail or the extension up so that when you back your horse, it doesn't step on the tail. If it looks like the horse will step on the tail STOP AND TRIM or you will break your strings! That's it! If all went well you have now successfully installed your tail extension using the Tie-In Method. See our section on Care and Tips for information on getting the most out of your Trophy Tail!